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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A headrest for elevating a person's head to minimize pressure against the person's hair while the head is resting on the head rest, comprising:

a base pillow made of compressible <u>foam</u> material for resting on a supporting surface, the base pillow having a top surface of a selected area, a bottom surface and a selected thickness;

a head pillow made of compressible <u>foam</u> material and <u>formed as a raised portion of</u> mounted on the base pillow, the head pillow having a top surface of an area <u>having an extent</u> <u>substantially the size of a person's head and</u> substantially less than the top surface area of the base pillow upon which the person's head rests, and being positioned at a location on the base pillow spaced from a <u>at least substantial</u> portion of the periphery of the base pillow to define a free area on the top surface of the base pillow at an elevation less than that of the head pillow for receiving at least a substantial portion of the person's hair <u>the free area extending both back beyond the head pillow and laterally of the base pillow to provide a space for the person's hair to occupy uncompressed by the head pillow.</u>

Claim 2 (Original) The headrest of claim 1 further including a fabric covering positioned over at least the top surfaces of the base and head pillows.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The headrest of claim 2 wherein the fabric covering includes a removable outer slip of relatively smooth material and an inner slip of relatively course material, the outer slip having a pocket which receives the head pillow.

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Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The headrest of claim 3 wherein the relatively course material is low thread count cotton and the outer <u>slip material</u> is relatively high-count cotton, satin, silk, or NYLON®.

Claim 5 (Original) The headrest of claim 3 wherein the inner slip is a permanent covering.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The headrest of claim $\underline{1}$ 7 wherein the base pillow is rectangular and the head pillow has a rectangular top surface.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The headrest of claim 1 wherein the base pillow is made of a first foam material and the head pillow is made of a first layer of relatively stiff foam positioned adjacent to the base pillow and a second layer of flexible foam near an upper most surface of the head pillow, which second layer is adjacent to a person's head during use of the headrest more flexible foam adjacent to the person's head.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The headrest of claim 9 wherein both the base pillow and head pillow are made of <u>single blocks of</u> urethane foam <u>of sufficient stiffness to retain a</u> rectangular form.

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Claim 11 (New) The headrest of claim 3 wherein the outer slip extends over the top surface of the base pillow and over a portion of the bottom surface in overlapping relationship with a bottom cover that is detachably secured over the bottom surface of the base pillow.

Claim 12 (New) The headrest of claim 11 wherein the cover is attached to the inner slip by VELCRO® fasteners.